



SCENE FROM "WAY DOWN EAST."

## AMUSEMENTS

"Way Down East" was written by Lottie Parker, elaborated by Joseph Grismer and produced by William A. Brady. The characters of Mrs. Parker's play are ordinary human folks. Above everything their stories are every day stories; often dramatic but never theatrical. Anna Moore, the young girl who has been deceived by a mock marriage and has come to the home of Squire Bartlett for shelter, is the embodiment of countless well remembered mothers and sisters—quiet, clinging, affectionate and useful about the house. Thoroughly human too, is gentle, patient Mr. Bartlett, and equally human, the squire, a genuine admixture of Nathaniel Berry and Dunstan Kirke. Honest farm boys, such as David Bartlett, are not rare, nor, unfortunately, are goodwifes like Martha Perkins and unscrupulous dandies like Lennox Sanderson. At Durfee opera house Thursday, Dec. 19.

"RAFFLES," THE AMATEUR CRACKSMAN.  
—Playgoers will enjoy a genuine treat in the engagement of "Raffles," the Amateur Cracksmen, which will take

place at the Dorris opera house Tuesday, Dec. 17. S. Miller Kent is the star of "Raffles." The fame of this play has preceded it here, because E. W. Hornung's stories from which the drama has been made, have been widely read, and because it is well known that this was the only drama to remain in New York 200 nights season before last. Much of the great success of "Raffles" is due to the original character of the play and more to the excellence of the players. The promise it made that in "Raffles," something entirely new in theatrical entertainment will be shown.

## A STORY OF THE VALLEY WRITTEN IN THE VALLEY

"The Little Colonel in Arizona" Added to Mrs. Johnston's Well Known Series.

There is one book which every one who lives in the Salt River Valley ought to read; especially those who expect to spend their days here and those who have come here for their health. It is "The Little Colonel in Arizona" by Mrs. Anna Fellows Johnston, the authoress of "The Little Colonel" series, which long since

found a place in most school and public libraries. The "Little Colonel" by the way, is a lovely young Kentucky girl, who in this case visits friends who have found a refuge at Lee's ranch, near Phoenix.

The principal characters in all of "The Little Colonel" stories are not exactly juvenile but they appeal more strongly to the young. In this one an incident love story is introduced but it is not permitted to proceed to a foolish length, and if it ever, culminates it will be in some addition to the series.

Mrs. Johnston who lives at Louisville, Ky., spent at least on winter at Lee's ranch, and there the story was written amid a riot of local color. The mountains and the scenes of the desert are described and thrown into a most entrancing light. Beauties are brought out, which all will recognize, and readers will wonder that they had never thought of them before. In the setting which Mrs. Johnston has given them, one can almost hear the water murmur in the irrigating ditches and the wind move the leaves of the cottonwood trees on their banks. There is a faithful description of country school scenes and of places in Phoenix. The characters introduced are not all fictitious. For instance, there is "Shaw, the Breeman," and children about the ranch who are called by name. There is a beautiful picture of an afternoon and night picnic at the "Hole-in-the-Rock" and life like descriptions of desert horseback rides.

The most conspicuous figure in the scenery is the Camelback mountain at the constant sight of which, a weary and discouraged young girl, snatched away from her hopes and ambitions, to come to Arizona with an invalid mother, grows despondent. She sees in the mountain a crouching camel which must crouch on the desert forever, as she must forever waste her life within sight of it. Her frame of mind leads up to the beautiful story of Shaw, a legend of the Camelback, the conception of an invalid at the ranch. That should be read by every sick man and woman who comes here and by every man and woman who would rather be somewhere else than in the Salt River valley.

The closeness with which Mrs. Johnston follows actual occurrences is illustrated in one of the characters of the story. Mrs. Ware, who when forced by ill health to come into the southwest, brings a letter of introduction from the pastor of her church to his sister, who happens to be the proprietress of the ranch.

It is a fact that Mrs. Johnston herself, though not an invalid, accompanied an invalid son to Arizona and brought from her pastor, Rev. C. M. Creighton, then of Evansville, a letter to his sister, Mrs. Lee.

"The Little Colonel in Arizona" was brought out as nearly all of Mrs. Johnston's other books have been, by L. C. Page & Company.

It is said in the general defense of men that if women could be immune from the poisoned words of their own sex, the tattle of men could bring no tarnish to their fair names. I have noticed that her own have poured the vitriol on the head of Evelyn Shaw.

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